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Election dated November 7, 2003  
Reply to Restriction Requirement of October 10, 2003  
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Appl. No. : 10/018,989 Confirmation No. 2579  
Applicants : Hachirou Kushida et al.  
Filed : December 19, 2001  
Title : Tableware, Process for Surface Treatment Thereof, Substrate Having Hard Decorative Coating Film, Process for Producing the Substrate, and Cutlery  
Art Unit : 1742  
Examiner : Daniel J. Jenkins  
Docket No. : 1217-012124  
Customer No. : 28289

ELECTION

MAIL STOP NON-FEE AMENDMENT  
Honorable Commissioner of Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated October 10, 2003, in which the Examiner required restriction under 35 U.S.C. §§121 and 372 as follows:

Group I: Claims 1-44, drawn to an annealed and hardened titanium material; and

Group II: Claims 45,50, drawn to cutlery.

Applicants hereby elect for further prosecution the invention of Group I including claims 1-44.

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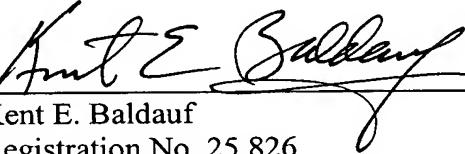
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Applicants reserve their right to file at a later time a divisional application directed to the non-elected claims. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.48(b), there is no change in inventorship as a result of this election.

Respectfully resubmitted,

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